

Custer County-Miles City (CCMC) Regional Flood Protection Project

Building a Solution to Protect Our Future

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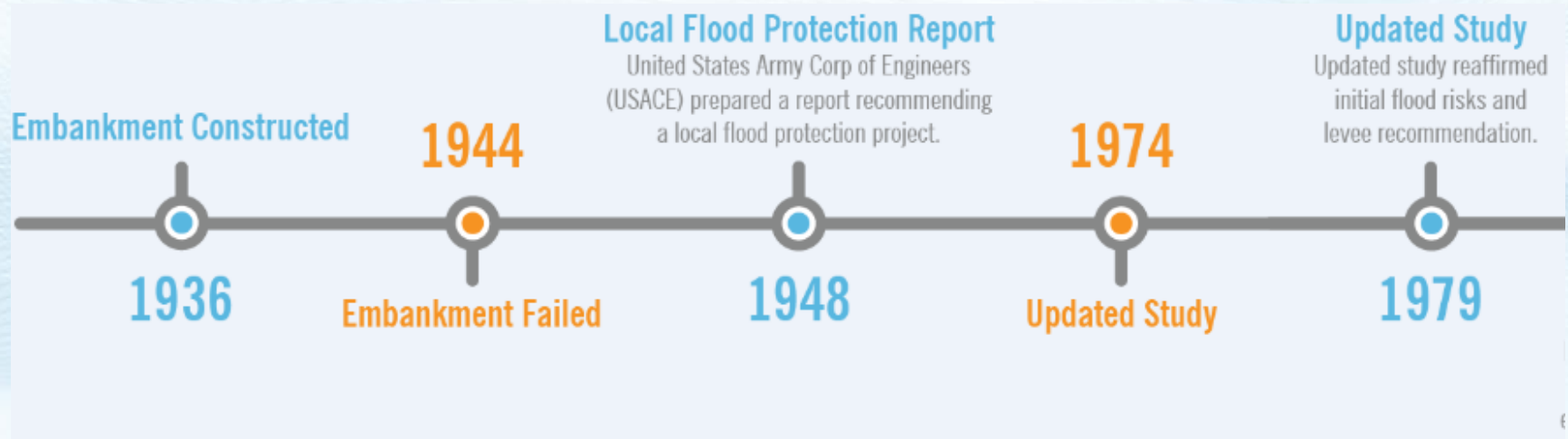


Presentation Agenda

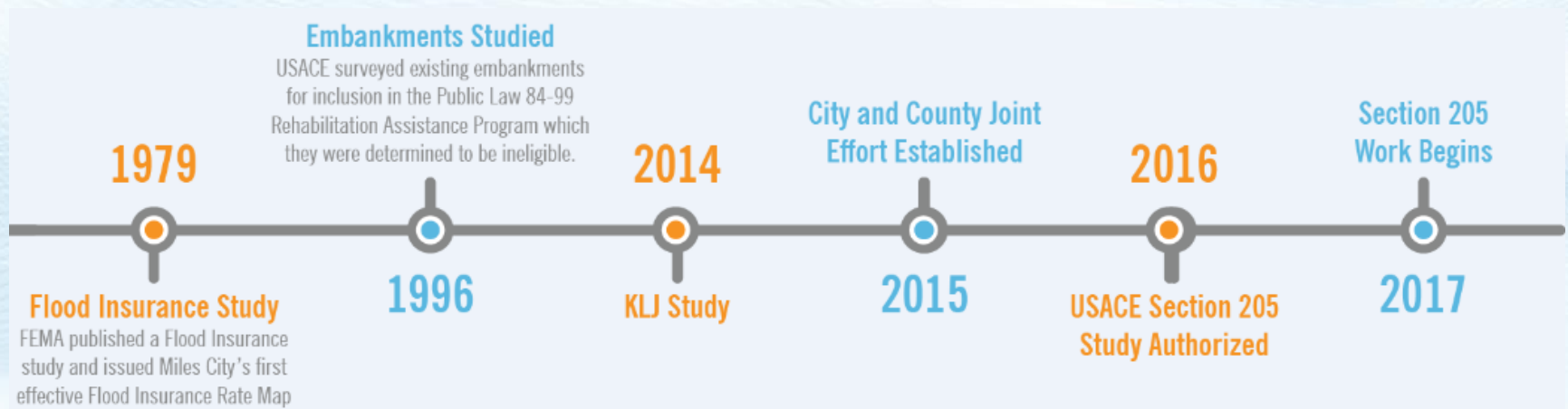
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CCMC Historically Speaking



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Why Now?



- Miles City pays 23 percent of ALL flood insurance policies in Montana, a total of just over \$625,000 annually in 2015.
- It is anticipated that by the year 2020, the total amount leaving Miles City annually in flood insurance premiums will exceed 1.2 million dollars



City-County Cooperation

Joint City/County Resolution (No 3797)

- Finalized in May 2015
- Establishing the CCMC Steering Committee
- Stated the intention to design, construct and operate a flood control structure
- Establishing the flood control project/structure as the priority project



Work Group Formation-Facilitation

CCMC Bylaws & Guidelines

- Formation of working subcommittees
 - Funding
 - PR/Agency Coordination
 - Engineering/Permitting
- Institutionalize the CCMC process/Committees & roles
 - Ensures certain people from both City/County continue participation
 - Outlines what the committees can/should do and what the Governing bodies still have to approve and control



Agency Coordination

JANUARY 2018



The Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project is a cooperative effort between the City of Miles City and surrounding Custer County to reduce flood risk and the burden of ever increasing flood insurance costs with the completion of a new levee structure.



CURRENT CONDITION:

- Almost 80% of residences and businesses in Miles City are located within the natural floodplain or floodway at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Tongue Rivers.
- In addition to the obvious flood risk and the potential for large scale property and critical infrastructure damage, citizens of Miles City pay substantial flood insurance premiums, representing approximately 23% of ALL flood insurance policies in Montana, a total of just over \$625,000 annually (2015). It is anticipated that by the year 2020, the total amount leaving Miles City annually in flood insurance premiums will exceed 1.2 million dollars.
- Miles City is the business, educational, and medical hub of eastern Montana. A flood event in Miles City would be catastrophic not just to the town, but to the entire region.

ACTIONS TAKEN OR ONGOING:

- The CCMC Funding subcommittee has been hard at work researching various grants and additional means to assist the community in planning for and eventually constructing a structure to help protect against the 500-year flood. Most recently the group has begun early planning for the formation of a special improvement district and applying for a grant to assist with rehabilitation of the Miles City slough (to assist with internal drainage needs).
- The USACE has continued their work on the Section 205 Study through the winter months. Hydrology, structure inventory, and Hazardous or Toxic Radioactive Waste (HTRW) assessments have all been completed. Hydraulic modeling and internal drainage assessments are anticipated to be completed in the next two to three months.



US Army Corps of Engineers

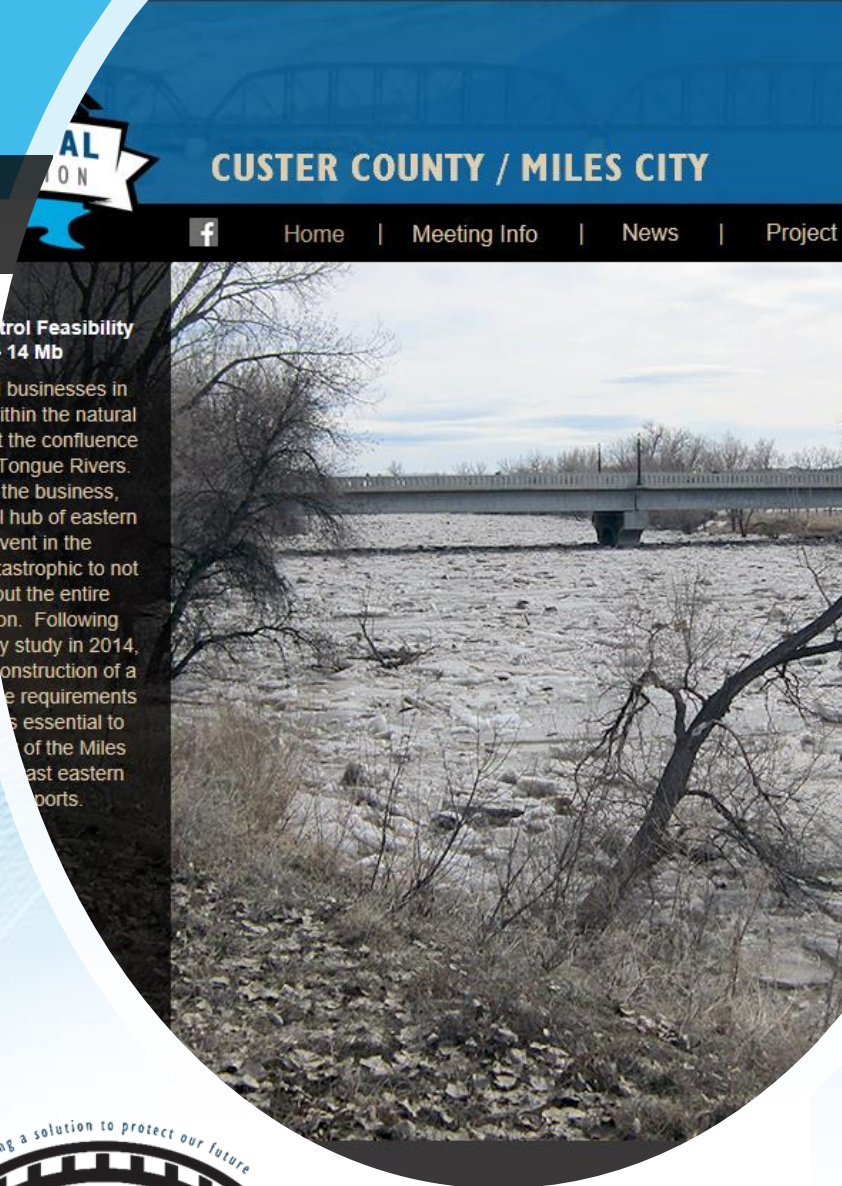
For more information or to become involved, please contact Samantha Malenovsky, Miles City Floodplain Administrator, 406-234-3493, go to our website @ www.ccmcfloodprotection.com, or follow us on Facebook @ Custer County Miles City Regional Flood Protection

- Quarterly newsletter
- Frequent phone calls and follow-up with agency staff at conferences, during legislative sessions, and during meetings
- Include federal delegation, state agencies and regional/local partners



Public Engagement

- Creation of a project identity separate from City/County identification (creation of the logo and accompanying letterhead, etc..)
- Website (www.ccmcfloodprotection.com)
- [Facebook Page](#) (Custer County Miles City Regional Flood Protection)
- Public Meetings (a minimum of 2 per year – 1 in April at Flood Awareness Day and one in October)
 - Individual postcards sent to residences
 - Posted on website/Facebook
 - Advertised in the newspaper & radio stations
 - Partner websites (Chamber, SEMDC, Rotary)
- Quarterly press releases (local newspaper & partner websites)



Challenges

Ever been so frustrated you skipped anger and went straight to laughing like a lunatic?



Communication (both internally and outside the community)

Motivation (lengthy project- keeping people engaged/excited)

Prioritizing (ensuring this project is always at the forefront of community need)

Agency Coordination (liaison with USACE and state agencies)

Funding (anticipated cost is over \$40 million)



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Questions?

